

**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION 5**

IN THE MATTER OF:

**Gopher Resource, LLC
685 Yankee Doodle Road
Eagan, Minnesota 55121**

ATTENTION:

**Mr. Chris Swanberg
EHS Director**

Request to Provide Information Pursuant to the Clean Air Act

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is requiring Gopher Resource, LLC (Gopher or you) to submit certain information about the facility at 685 Yankee Doodle Road, Eagan, Minnesota. Appendix A provides the instructions needed to answer this information request, including instructions for electronic submissions. Appendix B specifies the information that you must submit. You must send this information to us within 30 calendar days after you receive this request.

We are issuing this information request under Section 114(a) of the Clean Air Act (the CAA), 42 U.S.C. § 7414(a). Section 114(a) authorizes the Administrator of EPA to require the submission of information. The Administrator has delegated this authority to the Director of the Air and Radiation Division, Region 5.

Gopher owns and operates an emission source at the Eagan, Minnesota facility. We are requesting this information to determine whether your emission source is complying with the Minnesota State Implementation Plan and the National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP) for Secondary Lead Smelters at 40 C.F.R. Part 63, Subpart X.

Gopher must send all required information to:

Attn: Compliance Tracker, AE-17J
Air Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Branch
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Region 5
77 W. Jackson Boulevard
Chicago, Illinois 60604

Gopher must submit all required information under an authorized signature with the following certification:

I certify under penalty of law that I have examined and am familiar with the information in the enclosed documents, including all attachments. Based on my inquiry of those individuals with primary responsibility for obtaining the information, I certify that the statements and information are, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for knowingly submitting false statements and information, including the possibility of fines or imprisonment pursuant to Section 113(c)(2) of the Clean Air Act and 18 U.S.C. §§ 1001 and 1341.

As explained more fully in Appendix C, you may assert a claim of business confidentiality under 40 C.F.R. Part 2, Subpart B for any part of the information you submit to us. Information subject to a business confidentiality claim is available to the public only to the extent, and by means of the procedures, set forth at 40 C.F.R. Part 2, Subpart B. If you do not assert a business confidentiality claim when you submit the information, EPA may make this information available to the public without further notice. You should be aware, moreover, that pursuant to Section 114(c) of the CAA and 40 C.F.R. § 2.301(a) and (f), emissions data, standards and limitations are not entitled to confidential treatment and shall be made available to the public notwithstanding any assertion of a business confidentiality claim. Appendix C provides additional information regarding the meaning and scope of the term "emissions data."

This information request is not subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act, 44 U.S.C. § 3501 *et seq.*, because it seeks to collect information from specific individuals or entities as part of an administrative action or investigation.

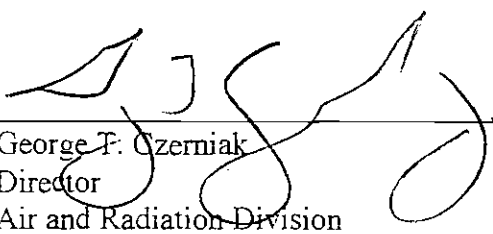
We may use any information submitted in response to this request in an administrative, civil or criminal action.

Failure to comply fully with this information request may subject Gopher to an enforcement action under Section 113 of the CAA, 42 U.S.C. § 7413.

You should direct any questions about this information request to Eleanor Kane at (312) 353-4840 or kane.eleanor@epa.gov.

Date

2/18/15


George F. Czerniak
Director
Air and Radiation Division

Appendix A

When providing the information requested in Appendix B, use the following instructions and definitions.

Instructions

1. Provide a separate narrative response to each question and subpart of a question set forth in Appendix B.
2. Precede each answer with the number of the question to which it corresponds and at the end of each answer, identify the person(s) who provided information used or considered in responding to that question, as well as each person consulted in the preparation of that response.
3. Indicate on each document produced, or in some other reasonable manner, the number of the question to which it corresponds.
4. When a response is provided in the form of a number, specify the units of measure of the number in a precise manner.
5. If you have already submitted the information requested below to EPA, there is no need to reproduce the information as long as your response identifies the information produced, the date of production, and the manner in which it was provided to EPA.
6. Where information or documents necessary for a response are neither in your possession nor available to you, indicate in your response why the information or documents are not available or in your possession, and identify any source that either possesses or is likely to possess the documents or information.
7. If information not known or not available to you as of the date of submission later becomes known or available to you, you must supplement your response. Moreover, should you find at any time after the submission of your response that any portion of the submitted information is false or incorrect, you must notify EPA as soon as possible.

Electronic Submissions

To aid in our electronic recordkeeping efforts, we request that you provide all documents responsive to this information request in an electronic format according to paragraphs 1 through 6, below. These submissions are in lieu of hard copy.

1. Provide all responsive documents in Portable Document Format (PDF) or similar format, unless otherwise requested in specific questions. If the PDFs are scanned images, perform at least Optical Character Recognition (OCR) for "image over text" to allow the document to be searchable. Submitters providing secured PDFs should also provide unsecured versions for EPA use in repurposing text.

2. When specific questions request data in electronic spreadsheet form, provide the data and corresponding information in editable Excel or Lotus format, and not in image format. If Excel or Lotus formats are not available, then the format should allow for data to be used in calculations by a standard spreadsheet program such as Excel or Lotus.
3. Provide submission on physical media such as compact disk, flash drive or other similar item.
4. Provide a table of contents for each disk or drive so that each document can be accurately identified in relation to your response to a specific question. We recommend the use of electronic file folders organized by question number. In addition, each compact disk or flash drive should be labeled appropriately (e.g., Company Name, Disk 1 of 4 for Information Request Response, Date of Response).
5. Documents claimed as confidential business information (CBI) must be submitted on separate disks/drives apart from the non-confidential information. This will facilitate appropriate records management and appropriate handling and protection of the CBI. Please follow the instructions in Appendix C for designating information as CBI.
6. Certify that the attached files have been scanned for viruses and indicate what program was used.

Definitions

All terms used in this information request have their ordinary meaning unless such terms are defined in the CAA, 42 U.S.C. §§ 7401 *et seq.*, or the National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Secondary Lead Smelters at 40 C.F.R. Part 63, Subpart X.

1. The terms "document" and "documents" shall mean any object that records, stores, or presents information, and includes writings, memoranda, records, or information of any kind, formal or informal, whether wholly or partially handwritten or typed, whether in computer format, memory, or storage device, or in hardcopy, including any form or format of these. If in computer format or memory, each such document shall be provided in translation to a form useable and readable by EPA, with all necessary documentation and support. All documents in hard copy should also include attachments to or enclosures with any documents.
2. The terms "relate to" or "pertain to" (or any form thereof) shall mean constituting, reflecting, representing, supporting, contradicting, referring to, stating, describing, recording, noting, embodying, containing, mentioning, studying, analyzing, discussing, evaluating or relevant to.

Appendix B

Information You Are Required to Submit to EPA

Gopher Resource, LLC (Gopher) must submit the following information pursuant to Section 114(a) of the CAA, 42 U.S.C. § 7414(a), within 30 calendar days after receiving this request. All questions refer to Gopher's facility in Eagan, Minnesota

1. Provide a copy of each current air permit issued to Gopher by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA).
2. Provide a copy of all permit applications submitted to MPCA since January 2010.
3. Provide copies of all annual emissions reports submitted to MPCA for 2010 to the present. Provide a narrative describing the method used for the annual emissions calculations for each pollutant, including the basis of any emissions factors used, and any documents outlining procedures for calculating annual emissions.
4. Provide copies of any deviation or excess emission reports submitted to MPCA since January 2010.
5. Provide copies of all semi-annual compliance reports submitted to MPCA since January 2010.
6. Provide a list and copies of each emissions test conducted for any reason, from January 2010 to the present. Emission testing includes, but is not limited to, compliance testing, engineering testing, and testing for general information. Use the following guidelines for compiling the list and preparing copies of the stack tests:
 - a. **List:** Identify the emissions unit, the date of the test, and the test method(s) used. For each test during which the source was not operating at maximum design capacity, provide an explanation for why production was limited. Indicate whether the report was shared with the state permitting agency.
 - b. **Copies:** Provide full stack test reports, including the summary pages, the section describing the process parameters and production or processing rates at the time of the test, all test runs, and all calculations.
7. Provide copies of all visible emissions readings performed using EPA Method 9 from January 2010 to the present (excluding any readings provided with the reports included with Item 6, above).
8. Provide a copy of the standard operating procedures manual prepared pursuant to 40 C.F.R. §63.548(a).
9. For January 2014 to the present, provide monthly records of the concentration of lead in each process vent, and the flow-weighted average concentration of lead compounds in vent gases calculated as required in 40 C.F.R. § 63.543(a)(2).

10. For January 2014 to the present, provide (in an Excel Workbook or other compatible format) rolling 15-minute average readings of the continuous pressure monitors for the total enclosure.
11. Provide the following information related to the differential pressure monitors used to comply with 40 C.F.R., Part 63, Subpart X:
 - a. Manufacturer's specifications;
 - b. Manufacturer's installation guidance;
 - c. Date of installation of each gauge; and
 - d. Date of installation of wind shield at gauge.
12. From October 2013 to the present, provide records of monthly inspections for all barriers on outside openings of areas maintained at negative pressure for compliance with 40 C.F.R., Part 63, Subpart X. Provide documentation of corrective action for any damage observed at barriers.
13. From October 2013 to the present, provide records of monthly inspections of ventilation systems, including accuracy testing at magnehelic gauges. Provide documentation of any corrective action associated with holes or positive static pressure in ventilation system and the repair/replacement of defective magnehelic gauges.
14. For the East Reverberatory Furnace (EU007), provide, in an Excel Workbook or other compatible format, three-hour average data for natural gas or propane usage from January 2010 to the present. For each data point, provide whether the Blast Furnace (EU009) and EU007 were both operating or not.
15. From January 2010 to the present, provide records of any torit filter downtime; the results of any building negative pressure test performed in response; and any additional corrective action taken.
16. Provide the following information related to all bag leak detection systems (BLDSs) in use:
 - a. The manufacturer's operation and maintenance guidance documents;
 - b. The manufacturer's guidance documents used for establishing alarm setpoints and delay times;
 - c. All operation and maintenance guidance documents developed by Gopher used for establishing alarm setpoints and delay times;
 - d. The emission point, air pollution control unit, and process associated with each BLDS;

- e. The alarm setpoints and delays utilized by Gopher from installation of the BLDS to the present;
 - f. The data used to justify each modification of either an alarm setpoint or delay time and a narrative description of why the modification was appropriate; and
 - g. An electronic record of the BLDS output, from January 2010 to the present.
17. Provide the following information for each baghouse, from January 2010 to the present:
- a. A list of all emissions units connected to the baghouse and a detailed explanation of how emissions are routed to it, including a description of any capture mechanism.
 - b. All records of the differential pressure readings taken at each baghouse in an Excel Workbook or other compatible format, including the date and time of the readings;
 - c. All inspection, maintenance, and repair logs;
 - d. Documentation of how the emissions factors were derived and maximum hourly emission rates used by Gopher to determine PM and lead emissions;
 - e. Any excess opacity or opacity deviation reports, including during periods of start-up, shut-down, and malfunction;
 - f. Provide the operating limits for the differential pressure across each baghouse, the method used to establish the values, and the effective date of these operating limits; and
 - g. In an Excel Workbook or other compatible format, list periods when the reverbertory furnace and/or the blast furnace were in operation, but the process baghouse was down.
18. Provide a copy of all ventilation or engineering studies associated with identifying or reducing lead emissions performed from January 2000 to the present. Provide documents related to any physical or operational changes made by Gopher based on the findings or recommendations of each study.
19. For all proposed ventilation or engineering studies associated with identifying or reducing lead emissions from January 2000 to the present, provide the proposed scope of work, and the planned start date for the study.

Appendix C

Confidential Business and Personal Privacy Information

Assertion Requirements

You may assert a business confidentiality claim covering any parts of the information requested in the attached Appendix B, as provided in 40 C.F.R. § 2.203(b).

Emission data provided under Section 114 of the CAA, 42 U.S.C. § 7414, is not entitled to confidential treatment under 40 C.F.R. Part 2.

“Emission data” means, with reference to any source of emissions of any substance into the air:

Information necessary to determine the identity, amount, frequency, concentration or other characteristics (to the extent related to air quality) of any emission which has been emitted by the source (or of any pollutant resulting from any emission by the source), or any combination of the foregoing;

Information necessary to determine the identity, amount, frequency, concentration or other characteristics (to the extent related to air quality) of the emissions which, under an applicable standard or limitation, the source was authorized to emit (including to the extent necessary for such purposes, a description of the manner and rate of operation of the source); and

A general description of the location and/or nature of the source to the extent necessary to identify the source and to distinguish it from other sources (including, to the extent necessary for such purposes, a description of the device, installation, or operation constituting the source).

40 C.F.R. § 2.301(a)(2)(i)(A),(B) and (C).

To make a confidentiality claim, submit the requested information and indicate that you are making a claim of confidentiality. Any document for which you make a claim of confidentiality should be marked by attaching a cover sheet stamped or typed with a caption or other suitable form of notice to indicate the intent to claim confidentiality. The stamped or typed caption or other suitable form of notice should employ language such as “trade secret” or “proprietary” or “company confidential” and indicate a date, if any, when the information should no longer be treated as confidential. Information covered by such a claim will be disclosed by EPA only to the extent permitted and by means of the procedures set forth at Section 114(c) of the CAA and 40 C.F.R. Part 2. Allegedly confidential portions of otherwise non-confidential documents should be clearly identified. EPA will construe the failure to furnish a confidentiality claim with your response to the Request to Provide Information as a waiver of that claim, and the information may be made available to the public without further notice to you.

Determining Whether the Information is Entitled to Confidential Treatment

All confidentiality claims are subject to EPA verification and must be made in accordance with 40 C.F.R. § 2.208, which provides in part that you must satisfactorily show that you have taken reasonable measures to protect the confidentiality of the information and that you intend to continue to do so; that the information is not and has not been reasonably obtainable by legitimate means without your consent and that disclosure of the information is likely to cause substantial harm to your business's competitive position.

Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. Part 2, Subpart B, EPA may at any time send you a letter asking that you support your confidential business information (CBI) claim. If you receive such a letter, you must respond within the number of days specified by EPA. Failure to submit your comments within that time would be regarded as a waiver of your confidentiality claim or claims, and EPA may release the information. If you receive such a letter, EPA will ask you to specify which portions of the information you consider confidential **by page, paragraph, and sentence**. Any information not specifically identified as subject to a confidentiality claim may be disclosed to the requestor without further notice to you. For each item or class of information that you identify as being CBI, EPA will ask that you answer the following questions, giving as much detail as possible:

1. For what period of time do you request that the information be maintained as confidential, e.g., until a certain date, until the occurrence of a special event, or permanently? If the occurrence of a specific event will eliminate the need for confidentiality, please specify that event.
2. Information submitted to EPA becomes stale over time. Why should the information you claim as confidential be protected for the time period specified in your answer to question number 1?
3. What measures have you taken to protect the information claimed as confidential? Have you disclosed the information to anyone other than a governmental body or someone who is bound by an agreement not to disclose the information further? If so, why should the information still be considered confidential?
4. Is the information contained in any publicly available databases, promotional publications, annual reports or articles? Is there any means by which a member of the public could obtain access to the information? Is the information of a kind that you would customarily not release to the public?
5. Has any governmental body made a determination as to confidentiality of the information? If so, please attach a copy of the determination.
6. For each category of information claimed as confidential, **explain with specificity** why release of the information is likely to cause substantial harm to your competitive position. Explain the specific nature of those harmful effects, why they should be viewed as substantial and the causal relationship between disclosure and such harmful effects. How could your competitors make use of this information to your detriment?

7. Do you assert that the information is submitted on a voluntary or a mandatory basis? Please explain the reason for your assertion. If you assert that the information is voluntarily submitted information, explain whether and why disclosure of the information would tend to lessen the availability to EPA of similar information in the future.
8. Is there any other information you deem relevant to EPA's determination regarding your claim of business confidentiality?

If you receive a request for a substantiation letter from the EPA, **you bear the burden of substantiating your confidentiality claim.** Conclusory allegations will be given little or no weight in the determination. In substantiating your CBI claim(s), you must bracket all text so claimed and mark it "CBI." Information so designated will be disclosed by EPA only to the extent allowed by and by means of the procedures set forth in 40 C.F.R. Part 2, Subpart B. If you fail to claim the information as confidential, it may be made available to the public without further notice to you.

Personal Privacy Information

Please segregate any personnel, medical and similar files from your responses and include that information on a separate sheet(s) marked as "Personal Privacy Information." Disclosure of such information to the general public may constitute an invasion of privacy.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I, Loretta Shaffer, certify that I sent a Request to Provide

Information Pursuant to the Clean Air Act by Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested, to:

Mr. Steve Yates, EHS Director
Gopher Resource, Inc.
685 Yankee Doodle Road
Eagan, Minnesota 55121

I also certify that I sent a copy of the Request to Provide Information Pursuant to the
Clean Air Act by First-Class Mail to:

Katie Koelfgen
Manager, Land and Air Compliance
Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
520 Lafayette Road North

On the 23 day of February 2015.

Loretta Shaffer

Loretta Shaffer, Program Technician
AECAB, PAS

CERTIFIED MAIL RECEIPT NUMBER: 7009 1680 0000 7670 1280

Standard bcc's:

Official File Copy w/Attachment (s)
Originating Organization Reading File w/Attachment(s)

Other bcc's:

C:\Users\Ekane\Documents\EPAWork\Gopher\Gopher 114
Request - Nov 2014 - v3.docx